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Applicant: Sandra E. Ring
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Title: *METHODOLOGY, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER READABLE MEDIUM FOR DETECTING OPERATING SYSTEM EXPLOITATIONS*
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Examiner:

Action: *TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE*
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant is not aware of any specific prior art which relates to computerized methods, computer-readable media, or systems for detecting exploitation of a computer's operating system, as disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner's attention, however, is directed to the background discussion in the application as it relates to known types of exploits, such as application level and kernel level rootkits, as well as positive and negative models for detecting them.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that this application presents new, useful and non-obvious technology and that the claims presented with this application are allowable. The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be

addressed, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicant be contacted at the number listed below.
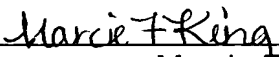
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